(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to check such irregularities in Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (d) In a preliminary enquiry conducted by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting into the functioning of the Films Wing in Mumbai, irregularities in the selection and gradation of films were *prima-facie* observed which were found to be deviating from the normal practice.

A CBI enquriy has been ordered and simultaneously, an administrative enquiry has also been instituted. Prasar Bharati have informed that the concerned officials have been transferred out of their assignments and a new film selection committee has been set up. New tighter guidelines will reduce the possibility of future lapses.

Narrow casting project for villagers

†2472. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Information & Broadcasting had prepared a narrow casting project for providing relevant information to the villagers on subjects like agriculture, health and education etc;

(b) whether it is also a fact that nine districts were selected for implementing this project as pilot project; and

(c) if so, the details of the project alongwith its present status?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (b) Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati have informed that in 2002, 12 transmitters were selected for telecast of area specific programme on agriculture, health and education in 12 States across the country and finally in pilot stage the project was implemented over 11 transmitters across the country from 11 States catering to viewing areas of 11 districts of the country, in the respective State.

(c) The project envisages telecast of agricultural Programme, six days a week on the National Channel for a duration of 30 minutes from

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Monday to Saturday at 6.30 a.m. State specific information on agriculture is being telecast by 18 regional Doordarshan Kendras by telecasting 30 minutes of programme, 5 days a week, Monday to Friday in the evening, followed by subsequent repeat telecast on the next day morning on the respective regional satellite channels. In Narrow Cast mode, Agriculture programme are telecast 5 days a week, Monday to Friday in the evening for a duration of 30 minutes for catering to area specific information through 180 transmitters reaching out to more than 140 districts across the country.

International film festival in Goa

†2473. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are not agreed with all decisions/complete control with regard to International Film Festival in Goa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, and the number of countries participating in the said festival and amount likely be to incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) A Memorandum of Understanding was entered into by and between the Directorate of Film Festival (DFF), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India and the State Government of Goa delineating the activities and roles of the DFF and Government of Goa, in the organization of International Film Festival of India (IFFI), 2006.

The Festival was conducted based on the Memorandum of Understanding.

Films from 46 countries participated in the Festival.

An amount of Rs. 1.07 crores has been sanctioned till date by the Government of India for organization of the Festival.

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